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1. AFTER OVER TWO YEARS IN OFFICE, MINTOFF HAS SET A PATTERN WHICH, IN ESSENCE, IS THAT HE WILL NOT TRAVEL UNLESS AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS IS MET:

A. HE CAN RETURN WITH SOMETHING CONCRETE, OR SEEMINGLY CONCRETE;

B. HE HAS A MISSION TO PERFORM (CSCE), SELF-APPOINTED OR NOT;

C. HE WANTS SOMETHING (EC-BRUSSELS);

D. PARLIAMENT IS NOT IN SESSION.

2. AS PARLIAMENT WILL NOT RESUME UNTIL OCT 1, HE WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND FIRST WEEK OF GENERAL DEBATE, BUT WOULD PROBABLY NOT DO SO UNLESS HE HAS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

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DURING THAT PERIOD.

3. WE WILL FOLLOW UP ON REPORT AS APPROPRIATE. BEST INDICATION OF HIS PLANS PROBABLY WOULD BE WHETHER GOM REQUESTS TIME TO ADDRESS UNGA BEFORE SEPTEMBER. SHOULD THIS BE POSSIBLE, AND MINTOFF DOES ATTEND, WE WOULD HOPE THAT HE WOULD BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH SECRETARY. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, HE HAS ASKED FOR OPPORTUNITY TALK WITH HIGH LEVEL U.S. OFFICIAL ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER HE ASSUMED OFFICE. HIGH LEVEL PRESENTATION OF US VIEWS ON CSCE AND MIDDLE EAST, ALTHOUGH PERHAPS NOT IMMEDIATELY REGARDING TO U.S., WOULD CERTAINLY GIVE HIMM FOOD FOR THOUGHT AND CONCEIVABLY LEAD T O MODERATION OF HIS POSITION ON THESE MAJOR ISSUES.
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